

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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DRDAS UNDER ZUA PARISHAD
Borkataky Shri Narayan Chandra

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) are receiving the funds directly from Union Government;
- (b) if so, whether this is in line with standard accounting procedure;
- (c) whether in many States DRDAs have been placed under Zila Parishad;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken to place DRDA under Zila Parishad in remaining North-Eastern States?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH)

- (a) Yes Sir. District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) are receiving 75% of the funds directly from the Union Government and 25% of funds are received from the State Governments.
- (b) The funds are disbursed as per the approved standard accounting procedure.
- (c)&(d) The Guidelines of the 'DRDA Administration' Scheme issued by Ministry of Rural Development do not prescribe merger of DRDAs with the Zila Parishads as a general policy. However, under the Guidelines the State Governments have been allowed flexibility to operate the DRDAs as a distinct unit. At present, the DRDAs have been merged with Zila Parishads/Zila Panchayats and a separate 'DRDA Cell' has been created in the States of Madhya Pradesh, Kerala, West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Rajasthan.
- (e) No such steps to place DRDAs under Zila Parishads has been taken by Government of India.